

Events organized by the PolSCA Office in Q4 2024

The end of 2024 was very intense for the PolSCA Office. In addition to the flagship V4 Training created in a group of partner offices from the Visegrad Group countries, other international initiatives appeared. There was also cooperation with national stakeholders who visited Brussels. The mission of the PolSCA Office is not only to support Polish scientists and increase their chances of cooperation within the Horizon Europe Framework Program, but also to promote international cooperation opportunities among the Polish scientific community! Here are our most important activities in the last months of 2024:



Focus on frontier research with the ERC

 September 23, 2024

 Institute of Biocybernetics and Biomedical Engineering named after Maciej Nałęcz PAN, Warsaw

Organizers: PolSCA PAN Office, PAN Office of Scientific Excellence, European Research Council

The event described the opportunities offered by ERC grants and enabled discussion on strategies to increase the participation of Polish scientists in this prestigious program. Participants - both researchers and administrative staff - had the opportunity to gain valuable information on how to successfully apply for ERC grants. [Recording of the meeting](#)



The future of European competitiveness – Central European input into the discussion

 October 16, 2024

 Business & Science Poland/NCBR Office, Rue Belliard 40, Brussels

Organizers: Three Seas Initiative Research Center (ISP PAN), Center for Eastern Studies (OSW) Local partners: PolSCA PAN Office, NCBR Office in Brussels.

The event was dedicated to discussing Draghi's report on European competitiveness and the challenges of the innovation gap in Central and Eastern Europe. The conclusions from this meeting (as well as the entire study visit to Brussels) were included in a summary prepared by [the 3SI Research Center](#).

Information Day – Joint Research Centre (JRC) and opportunities for research collaboration



 October 21, 2024

 **Online Organizers:** PolSCA PAN Office, Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland (KRASP).

An online meeting for the scientific community in Poland, during which opportunities for research collaboration and career support by JRC were presented. The event included presentations by JRC experts and a discussion on access to infrastructure and training programs.

Support mechanisms for Polish universities in obtaining funds from EU research programs

 October 28, 2024

 "Fondation Universitaire", Rue d'Egmont 11, Brussels

Organizers: Perspektywy Educational Foundation, PolSCA PAN Office

An information seminar for rectors and representatives of Polish universities aimed at presenting strategies for effectively obtaining EU funds. The event was under the patronage of Minister of Science Dariusz Wiczorek and KRASP Chairwoman Prof. Bogumiła Kaniewska. [You can read a summary of the event on Perspektywy.pl](#)

V4 Training for Research Project Managers



 November 4-6, 2024

 Permanent Representation of Poland to the EU, Brussels

Organizers: PolSCA PAN Office, Czech Liaison Office for Education and Science (CZELO), National Research, Development and Innovation Office in Hungary (NRDIO) and Slovak Liaison Office for Research and Development (SLORD)

Training for experienced research managers dealing with international H2020 and Horizon Europe projects. The program includes presentations by EC experts, networking sessions, and workshops. The PolSCA Office was responsible for organizing the first day of training. [You can read a summary of the event here.](#)

Brainstorming the Future of BRAIN HEALTH: Research, Collaboration, Impact



 November 12, 2024

 Business & Science Poland/NCBR Office, Rue Belliard 40, Brussels

Organizers: PoISCA PAN Office, Helmholtz Association and SwissCore. **Local partners:** NCBR Office in Brussels

The meeting brought together nearly 60 experts who discussed the future of brain health research in the context of the planned European Partnership for Brain Health. Discussions focused on interdisciplinary research, international cooperation, and challenges related to implementing innovations in clinical practice.

Workshops on security in the Baltic Sea region



 November 29, 2024

 PAN Center for Historical Studies in Berlin

Organizers: PAN Center for Historical Studies in Berlin, PoISCA PAN Office

Workshops dedicated to research projects on security policy in the Baltic Sea region. The event was attended by experts from National Contact Points in Poland and Germany as well as representatives of the European Commission and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland.

Conference Polish-Italian cooperation in assessing environmental threats with using SIOS platform

 December 10-11, 2024

 PAN Scientific Station in Rome

Organizers: PAN Scientific Station in Rome, PoISCA PAN Office

The aim of the meeting was to assess the state of cooperation and further possibilities within the SIOS network and beyond as well as to present opportunities for extending cooperation using funds from Horizon Europe Clusters 5 and 6 for polar research, aquatic environments, atmosphere, and climate.

Study visit Science4Policy for Representatives of PAS Committees



 December 10-11, 2024

 Brussels

Organizers: PoISCA PAN Office, PAN Foreign Cooperation Office

A study visit for scientists from PAN committees aimed at increasing their competences in scientific advice and influencing public policies. Participants took part in meetings at DG Research & Innovation, Science Europe as well as workshops at Joint Research Centre. [You can read a summary of the event here.](#)



Activities for Navigators Network - HE Navigators MeetUp

Horizon Europe Navigators MeetUp – Transfer Technology

 November 20, 2024

 Online

Organizers: PoISCA PAN Office

A meeting aimed at PAN employees interested in commercializing research and cooperating with industry. Experts from leading PAN institutes shared their experiences regarding technology incubators, spin-offs, and intellectual property rights.

Horizon Europe Navigators MeetUp – EIC Pathfinder

 December 6, 2024

 Online

Organizers: PoISCA PAN Office

A meeting dedicated to EIC Pathfinder instrument which supports breakthrough technological innovations at an early stage of development. Participants learned about



application requirements, examples of implemented projects, as well as experiences of Polish research institutes.

The end of the year was exceptionally intense! May interest in Framework Program among Polish scientific community grows in 2025 – we will make sure it happens!

Thank you to all partners, guests, and experts who supported our events. We hope that this year we will also be able to engage in many effective and satisfying projects.

